#### POWERS IN POLITICS

American Brides of Titled English Leaders.

CURZON'S INFLUENCE

Lady Churchill's Efforts Pushed Her Husband to Power.

In America politicians are loth to bring the wife's name into the political arena-But in high Einglish circles it is the woman who is the lobbyist, and statesmen who can boast that they were elected by their wives trumpet the fact load enough for the world to bear. In America the man who needs his wife's political and is considered a weak candidate, but in England it is a mark of high social and family position that a man has a wife whose lobbying amounts to some

Lady Randolph Churchill brought political honors to her husband, as "Lord Randy" proudly told; and now that the beautiful rises up to take her place another American woman, like her very beautiful, and also possessed of all the classm and intelligence which the English demand of their suc-cessful women lobbyists. This is Mrs. Mary Lutter Curzon, the bride of George Curzon, and though a new figure in London, already a power in English politics MES. CURZON'S HUSBAND.

The Hon. George Curzon's position in the Estran Culmer sounds small, that of under recretary of fourign affairs; but it is considered one of the most desirable in the Cabinet. The under accretary has en-tire charge of foreign matters, employes his own assistants and ranks next to the secre-tary binorif at dinners of state and above actual nembers of the Cabinet who hold small perifolios. Moreover, it is a sure stopping stone to something very high, and is along that the plant of the Cabinet for an amiletime sound man.

Mrs. Cursuo's influence in securing this

position for her bushand was considerable When she went abroad as a bride three talked about all over London. When she was presented at every the Queen fancied her, the princess confited with her, and finally, as a mark of great favor, the prince dired in per-town house with a party of very select guests—his friends and relatives After that w was easy for Mrs. Carson to

progress. She had a private audience with Lord Salassary when the caltest was being mode up, and she immediately flattered she old conference by placing him in the collect of her drawing room known as "the have a sected binned there after dimer. She allest to Lord Salisbury, setting forth ber hughworfs putnies and chims to distinct tion, saying playinly that he bimself was Inc me lest to do so, and thought it a statesa to be taiked about, not to do the And when Lord Satisbury left be impressed with the earnestness by and durin of the Curron family war was much strengthened

ay, that Mrs. Curron had donated . her laverite charity, and that for avenue Mrs. Corron certainty did We reach distriction. "Such are the peologlish want for their cabinet coundeclared Lord Salisbury, and that pong man shall have my support." At he bazar he made a pretty speech, saying that there were English politicisms who awed a great deal to the diplomacy of their

Mr. Curzes has been most loned a



"Victoria Nook" in Lady Mary Paget's Drawing-room.

thousand times as the prime number for the next generation, but whether he at-Corson, will be when she succeeds to the title, will be sure to have helped her bushend up as many steps as any woman

MRS CHAMBERLAIN LORBIES. Mrs. Joseph Chambertoin, as Miss Mary Endicott, daughter of our Secretary of War, was last father's secretary and con-fidential friend. As the wife of the great Uniquist leader she carried on her political work quicity, but well. Mrs. Chamberlain has never publicly lobbled for her husband, as at the time of her marriage-a girl of twenty-two to the statesturn of fifty-twoher husband was too firmly established litics to need that kind of aid. But she has devoted the years of her married life to pletty lebbying, maisting in another

There is not a non in England who has everything ordered for his comfort as Joseph Chumbertain has. On the day of his speed bes the door bells of his great e, or castle, Highbury, are nuffied to give tim a late morning sleep. The ervants wank with guarded step and the sework runs by machinery. Nobody fromes him, and he walks about the bouse working out his political problems, of rests himself in his wife's boudoir williout the least nervous worry to weaken fished for the coming speech. Mrs. Chambedain is unselfish and lives appar-equy for her husband's work.

is the Chamberiain drawing-room there is an alcove, and this Mrs. Chamberlain

has furnished in the most comfortable style | married,

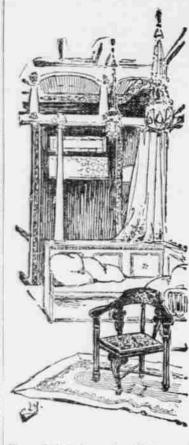
for men to enjoy. All knick-knacks are banished from it and substantial things are placed there. Soft cushions, a couch sun, flowers, a bird, and a music-box are the furniture. Here political friends are ushered to await Mr. Chamberlain's homecoming, and here Mrs. Chamberlain sits herself down to chat quietly. She is not effusive and slips away if she sees her

visitor too preoccupied to talk.
"The Unionist Alcove" this spot was called by Mr. Chamberlain as soon as he discovered his wife's ruse for making politicians comfortable without their sus secting her intentions. And that a great nany battles have been won in this room there is testimony to show. Even politi-cians are not impervious to confort and sub-

DAUGHTER OF MRS. PARAN STE-VENS.

No more persistent wire-puller ever lived than Lady Mary Paget, daughter of the late Mrs. Paran Stevens and wife of Arthur Paget, of the Scots Guards. Hitherte Lieut. Col. Paget's career has been a military one. He is a grandson of the first Marquis of Anglesey, and was the prettiest boy page Queen Victoria ever bad. He and the Earl of Essex were pages at court in the same year. Both now have American

When Mrs. Stevens took her daughter



Leiter-Curzon's "Prince of Wales" Corner.

Mary, or "Minnie," abroad, she said to her: daughter, make yourself a favorite with Victoria. Never mind the others!" And Miss Mary took her mivice. So great a favorite did she become that Victoria was most anxious to have her marry one of the princes of the regal family. But as it was not allowable for an American to wed a sor of Victoria, Miss Stevens declined the bonor of being at the tail end of the royal

The Queen arranged the match with Col. Paget, and since then has shown him very many favors. For many years Lady Paget used to invite Victoria to her homeon Halkin street, and sumptuously entertained the old lady at lancheon the very day before Col. Arthur was to lay his petition at her royal feet. On these occusions the crafty Lady Paget would completely refurnish a certain very picture-sque spot in her drawing room and direct the lady in waiting to lead Victoria to it. In front would stand a beauti ful can'r of Elizabethan design for Victoria to rest her reticile and her many little pieces of taggage upon.

At lancheso the tastless things would be prepared, including the pot of preserved ginger that Victoria loves, and ed to her carriage, immediately after luncheon, according to her custom, she wore a smile that told that Lady Mary had won the buttle by strategy before the field was reached. Lady Paget names her first child for the Prince of Wales, Albert Edward Victor Louis.

In England the woman who does not take part in her husband's political work is either an invalid or one who is too frivoleus for approval in court circlestoo utterly devoid of a proper sense of best campaign showing is the one who gets

In America the very spirit of the matter is too often at fault. The political workers are pretty sure to be unpleasant, bigoted and far from "charming," and the others are upt to go to the extreme of the wife of the United States Senator who boasted at a diplomatic reception that she did not know what her husband's

#### STORYETTES:

When Gen. Lafayette was on his last visit to this country two young men were piroduced. He said to one "Are you mar "Yes, sir," was the reply. py man!" remarked the general. He then put the same question to the other, who replied "I am a bachelor." "Lucky dog?" remarked the general.

The editor of the Public Men of To-Day eries, when a little boy at Uppingham, was detected at a Greek testament tesson with a libbe on his knee, from which, of course he was cribbing. His class master stalked up to him. "What have you there, my boy?" The boy, seeing that no escape was possible, brazened it out with "A book, sir, of which no one need be nahamed." He, too, is credited with the famous reply to the dean of Trinity College, Oxford. He was being hauled up by the dean for some audacious breach of college rules and nade a perfectly gills and satisfactory excuse "No, no, sir," said the dean, "that won't do this time You told me the exact opposite last term "I know I did," said the culprit, "but that

The Rev. John Brown, of Haddington, the author of the self-interpreting bible, was a man of singular bashfulness, but the following story is almost incredible. His couriship lasted seven years. Six years and a half had passed away and the reverend gentleman had progressed no further than in the first six days of his ball-room of Oliver H. Perry Belmont equalitance with the lady. One day he decided that a step in advance must be

"Janet," he said one day as they sat in solemusilence, we've been acquainted now six years and mair and I've ne'er gotten but rich carvings cover them from end to a kiss yet. D'ye think I might take one, my boenie less?"

"Just as you like, John, only be be-

coming and proper wi' it." "Surely, Janet; we'll ask a blessing." The blessing was asked, the kiss was taken and the worthy divine overpowered with the blissfulsensation, most rapturously

'Heigh, lass, but it is gude! We'll return thanks." Six months later this plous couple were

Famous Ball Rooms That Have Cost Millions.

Millions Spent In Decorating the Halls of Rich Americans With Flowers.

The splendors of the recent balls at New port are all the more remarkable when you reflect that twenty years ago there was not a private ballroom in this country. To day not a modern "palace" but has one The first ballrooms were built by New York millionaires. Now the woman of wealth and fashion is seriously crippled in her career of would be leadership unless she has a ballroom of her own.

The most magnificent private ball, aside from the fancy dress affairs, was given by Mrs. William C. Whitney in the ballroom of her new house shortly after Mr. Whitney's term as Secretary of the Navy. The house had originally a large loft, whick the money of Mrs. Whitney turned into a great handsome room. The floors were polished, stained glass windows set in alcoves built and superb decorations and frescoes added. That set the rage for private ballrooms, and from that time on Del monico's was used for public balls only. And the houses that had been throwing drawing rooms, reception rooms, and hall-ways "into one" for a ball felt very oldfashioped indeed.

MRS PAGET'S BALL. The Whitney ballroom has been closed for two years, but it will be opened this winter. It is a beautiful room, more square than ballrooms are, and very cozy in alcoves and tiny conservatories. When it was planned Mrs. Whitney said to a New York florist: "I want you to arsist me in building my ballroom. Draw a design of a model floral decoration and have the ballroom

niade so all is possible."

The florist thought and planned and studied. Finally he hit upon a fine color scheme. It was suggested to him by a gown worn by Bernhardt in Camille. The gown was a study in black and yellow, and the florist knew that there colors are the only ones that can be relied upon to light up well, and that the decorations of the room were partly in gold.

The florist consulted with his patroness. "I am going to place a delicate screen work over your entire walls," he said. "The walls are gold and white. Upon the screen I shall place yellow rores as many as are needed to cover the walls. Only reliow roses, nothing more."

When the cance night came and the coests stepped into the ballroom there was a murmur of delight. They found themseives in a great hall of yellow

is festooned in Harvest Home fashion at the annual Newport ball. And when Mr. Bel-mont leads the cotillion he dances down the PALACES FOR TERPSICHORE middle of the floor under a carved beam covered with the fruits of his large and eccentric farm. The many strange animals, the sacred cow, the llama and the menagerie of his place he keeps underneath the ballroom. But so exquisitely is all planned for dancing and for the beasts that the highbred ladles, far from objecting, think it a WHERE ASTOR'S GUESTS DANCE privilege to be invited to Mr. Belmont's period by the state and the stat culiar ball.

The ballroom in the new Astor palace, on Fifth avenue, is about to be thrown open for the first time. The first ball will be given this winter. The date is not yet fixed. It depends upon the health of the elder Mrs. Astor, who, though very wells is no longer young. She finds Paris a pleasant place in the early fall, but if she is in New York the ball will be given before the holidays. This is the declaration of the younger set who are in Mrs. Astor's

A DOUBLE BALLROOM.

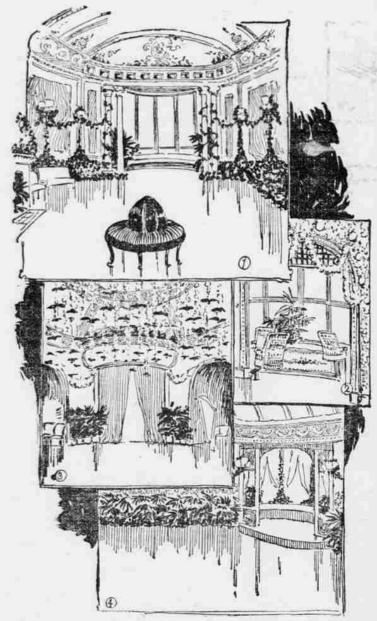
This ballroom is a combination affair. Young Mrs. Astor and the elder lady have built together. The same stone steps lead to their respective from doors. And the same state dining room is un-1. At other times the big paneled doors are closed, showing no trace of ever opening, and each family has its own small dining room. The ballroom lies upstairs. It is reached by a small elevator in the elder Mrs. Astor's house. It is built in one house and balf

Connecting the two halves are a series of pretty alcoves. The separate halves are far enough apart to permit two or-chestras, which is the ambition of all who give party balls. One orchestra plays when the other censes, and each side of the ballroom has its separate intermission, with the conservatories be-

The plan of decorating this room must always be the same, as the walls are planned for only one decoration. They are rose-tinted in panels, with gold strips between. A bank of green leaves, palms and plants is intended to surround the room. The green plants rise up near the length of the gold paneling and terminate in festoons of pink roses. The whole room is beautiful in pink, gold and enough white to set off both colors.

VANDERBILT'S MOORISH ROOM. The central idea of Cornelius Vanderbilt's ballrooom is a great Moorish lamp, which hangs suspended in the middle of the room. The ceiling is forty feetingh, and the lamp reaches from the highest point in the center of the room to within three feet of the head of the dancers. It is a round lamp and the ballroom is round in effect, preserving the Moorish idea of proportion. Everything must be rounded . The small alcoves are circles, and the ceiling, instead of lying flat, curves upward in effect.

A very novel thing about this buliroom are the adjoining apartments. It opens into three large rooms. One is the grand salon which faces Fifth avenue, another is the state diving-hall, and the third room is a very large smoking-room, with large window seats and Oriental setters all around the room. Should dancing couples tire of the ballroom they can wander in any direction, except that of the smoking-room, across whose threshold no woman ever exclusive for the master; like the Sand-



1. Flower-trimmed Alcove Between the finites of the Aster Double Ball-

 A Nook in O. H. P. Belmont's Stable Ballroom.
 Blackbird Design for Mrs. Almeric H. Paget's Bridal Ball. 4. Moorish Plan and Decoration of the Vanderbilt Ballroom in New

roses. while over their heads, at side | ringham room of the Prince of Wales, never of them, flashing before the electric lights and disappearing into the conservatories, were blackbirds. There thousand blackbirds it took to fill the room with

them as they fiew . The decoration is one that Miss Whit-ney likes and which she will preserve when, as Mrs. Almeric Hugh Paget, she gives the richest bridal ball of the season. She has seen plans for new touches in the room and has approved them. But only as much as this is known. THE BACHELOR BALLROOM. -

The crowning achievement of a ballroom, after its size and floral possibilities have been considered, is its alcoves abounds in these nooks. ballroom is upstairs, over his stable, which is built like a villa, with bedrooms and living rooms. The ballroom takes up the entire end. Its windows are all bay windows and in their receases are the cozy nooks that make the ballroom pleasanter than

a public hall. The upper part of Mr. Belmont's windows can all be removed, leaving only a beautiful light wood lattice for ventilation. Palms and rugs fill the floor space of the ways there, one for each of two people and

one for the chaperon. The ballroom is always trimmed with wild flowers. Its ceiling is very high and news for a cent.

crossed by a woman for thirty years.

The plans of a ball-room are always liberally ornamented with flowers; for no matter how large the room is, unless it takes adornment prettily it is not a success. This Moorish ball-room has sloping sides that are admirably adapted

for filling in with plants. They can be placed in the slope in graded sizes, the largest plants at the rear. The favorite flowers for this slope are orchids and ferns. The orchids fill in the recesses and hang from the walls in wooden boxes, and the fern stand below.

The first Vanderbilt ball will be given after or during the holidays, and the young woman secretary who has these matters in charge in the household is receiving estimates for flowers. A Greek in the lower part of New York supplies the candy boxes. A Frenchman who keeps a select private establishment makes the ices and creams in desired shapes, flowers, &c. A New York florist supplies the blooms, and with the help of the architect trims the room. Evelthe musicians require previous consultation, for the selections must be in accord with the person who gives the ball, debutante or matron-selections popular or se

A million for few dances is not a high much-prized nooks, and three chairs are al. New York will have this winter is consid-

The Evening Times gives all the

Assistant Commissioner Bur Renders His Annual Report.

MANY NEEDS SUGGESTED

Artesian Wells System Recommended. Street Lighting Schedule Wants Reformation-Excessive Waste of Potomac Water Noted-Famine Predicted-Reports Submitted.

Capt. Edward Burr, assistant to the Engineer Commissioner, whose division embraces the water distribution, water rates, street lighting and inspection of gas, rendered his report to the Engineer Commissioner yesterday.

He discusses the condition of the water supply service at great length. - The last increase in the service was completed in 1890, when the forty-eight-inch main was introduced. It was believed then that this main would be ample supply for many years, but it is already inadequate.

Capt. Burr says there is pressing neces sity for increasing the means for supplying the reservoirs, but there is an equal or greater urgency for immediately increasing the facilities for bringing water from the reservoirs to the city. With an unlimited supply in the reservoir the consumers can expect no increase in the amount furnished them until the tunnel conduit, or a substi-

tute for it, is completed.

The total length of water mains laid during the year was 142,902 feet, the largest year's work overdone in the water department.

Speaking of the public wells, Capt. Burr says 47 of 171 were ordered to be abanduned during the year. With the exception of the two artesian wells all now in use are shallow. A large percentage of all so far examined, the assistant commis-sioner says, had been found to be contaminated, and in a metropolitan community it is but a question of time when all will be unfit for use.

RECOMMENDS DEEP WELLS. Capt. Burr recommends that \$10,000 be asked to continue the system of sink ing deep wells.

He says that unless stringent measures are adopted for enforcement of the water meter law the meters will not be introduced. He states there are more than 500 places where their should be meters.

places where there should be meters.

A marked increase is asked for in the appropriation for street lighting. The existing service is not satisfactory, or in keeping with the high standards maintained in other departments of the city government. government.

An important change should be made, he says. In the number of hours for gas lighting. It has been impossible, Capt. Burr says, under the acts of appropriations, to secure from the gas companies more than the minimum service for the maximum price. The number of hours of total darkto the beginning of morning twilight, is 3,116 in a year.

The superintendent of lamps, in his recent annual report, says in making con-tracts for naphtha lighting in future no reduction should be made in the number of hours. In alleys where it is always dark, whether the moon is shining or not, naphtha lamps are of great benefit, since they can be burned longer than gas, and every night. An increase in the number of these lamps is urgently required. All the principal roads leading into Washing-ton should be lighted.

CHANGE IN GAS SCHEDULE. A change should be made, he said, in the number of hours of mas lighting. The present schedule of 3,000 hours should be abandoned and the moon should not be relied upon under any circumstances.

The inspector of gas and gas meters says the power of the gas supplied by the Washingota Gaslight Company during the year equalled 19 68 candle power, an increase of 1.61. The gas of the Georgetown Com-pany equalled 16.97, or the same as last

The inspector suggests that the Georgetown company either enlarge its purifying plant, or procure a coal from which the present plant will remove the sulphur. During the year 2,713 meters were inspected and proved; 249 registering fast, and 61 slow. Of the meters complained of by the consumers, 238 registered fast, he average error being 4.43 per cent. Supt. H. F. Hayden, of the Water Department, submitted his report yesterday,

in which he says: "There are 1,688 fire hydrants in service, 190 having been erected in new lo-calities. There are 800 McClelland fire hydrants in service that ought to be gradually retired, being almost worn out "There are sixty-seven drinking foontains and 171 public pumps and wells in

"At no time since the 48-inch main was laid has the pressing need of an ample supply of pure water been felt more than during the past year.

"In a considerable number of localities the level at which Potennic water was de-livered in 1893 and 1894 has fallen considerably, in some below the second stories, where great inconvenience existed, all that ould be done was to give temporary relief. EXCESSIVE WASTE OF WATER.

"The present condition of the water supply is such as to render it necessary that steps be taken to effectually repress the excessive waste, or a water famine and an unsanitary condition in some parts of the city cannot be averted in the near future. Mr. Hayden recommends the water meter system as a means of stopping waste. supply pipes leading to public buildings in addition to their general introduction He renews his recommendation of 1894 for the extension of the twelve-inch middle service main at First and Albany streets, to Lincoln avenue by the way of First and T streets, and on Lincoln avenues to Brookland, with certain connections.

Reports from two city institutions established for the case of destitute children were given to the press to-day by Col. John Tracy, superintendent of charities. The first, the Washington Hospital for Foundlings, shows: Number remaining in hospital June 30, 1894, was 25; number admitted during year, 49; adoptions during year, 9; deaths, mostly from con-genital causes, 23. Number in hospital June 30, 1895, was 42.

The number of children has been so large during the year that the expenses have been greatly increased, and the directors ask that the appropriation for 1896-'7 be increased to \$7,000, as the indications are favorable for a large increase in applications for admissions.

There is a reduction in the mortality rate, which is said to be due to the efficiency of the matron and her corps of The report was signed by Dr. Z. T. Sowers, president of the asylum

ST. ANN'S INFANT ASYLUM. During the year the sisters and the superior were on duty, whose services were rendered without charge. The pay of the salaried employes amounted to \$3,600, including their board.

The average number of inmates daily was 130. Board was paid by relatives and friends in fifteen cases. Children of all nations and creeds and of

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Brocatelle Suite. Worth \$60.00. For \$39.00. Large Turkish Suite, in brocatelle. Worth

\$160. For \$1 25. Large 5-piece Suite, in brocatelle, roll pillow in back. Worth \$90. For

5-piece Brocatelle. Suite, high tufted backs. Worth \$125. For \$100. High-back Overstuffed Suite. Worth \$125.

For \$90. Large Shaped Back Brocatelle Suite. Worth

\$150. For \$100. 5-piece Iron Frame Turkish Suite, in \$15 brocatelle. Worth \$225.

For \$150. 3-piece Inlaid Suite. Worth \$40. For \$25.

hogany Suite. Worth \$25. For \$19. Beautiful Oak Suite. Worth \$35. For \$25.

Beautiful Mahogany Suite, French shaped. Worth \$50. For \$39.

Chamber Suites.

Solid Oak, French

Large Oak Shaped

Handsome Birch Suite.

Curly Birch Suite.

Large Oak Suite, 5-

Large Oak Suite.

Large Oak, Raised Panel Suite French

Worth \$35. For \$22.50.

plate. Worth \$40. For

Imitation Mahogany

Suite, French shaped

plate. Worth \$35. For

Large Imitation Ma-

foot dresser. Worth \$65.

Plate Suite. Worth \$45.

Worth \$142. For \$85.

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\$35. For \$25.

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every color are admitted. The cost per | present there will be no delay in arriving capita for the support of the inmates kept in the institution was \$8 per month. For the next fiscal year an appropria-

tion is asked of \$6,500, which it is claimed is nearly \$6,000 less than the amount actually required for the maintenance of the institution. Congress reduced the appropriation last

year to \$5,400, and the same amount was approved for this year. Contractor Warfield will be prepared on Monday to present to the Com a statement submitted to him by each of

at a decision, but Mr. Warfield's inter-view may be deferred unless Mr. Ross shall bave returned by Monday. The Brown, the Dixon and the Smith systems, respectively, will be represented. An examination was beld yesterday as

the District building of candidates for appointment to the position of stenographer and typewriter in the police department. The previous examination for the same position scenis not to have yielded satisfactory results.

three crematory companies, and to indi-cate his preference. If the full board is news for a cent. The Evening Times gives all the